

DIARY LOVES

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KNEW THE FEELING OF A
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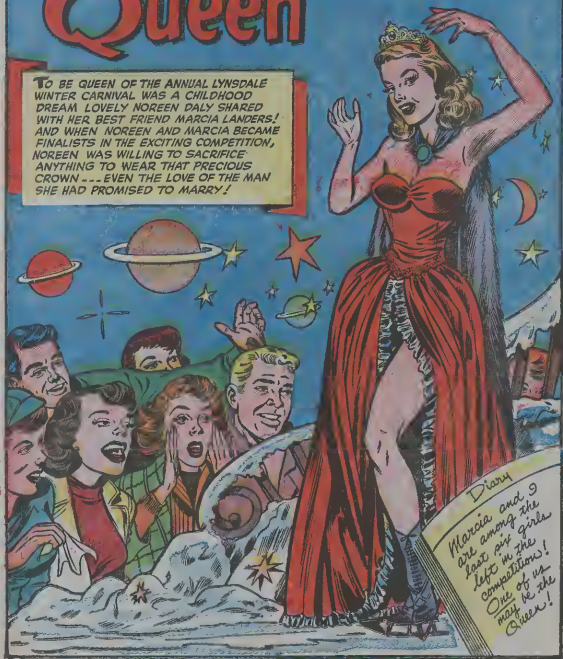
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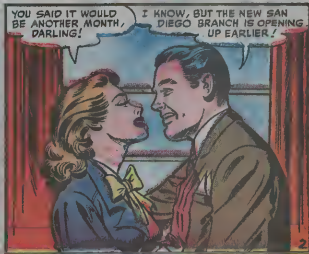
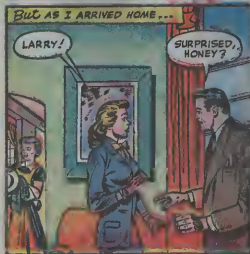
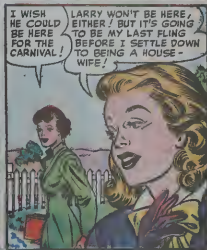
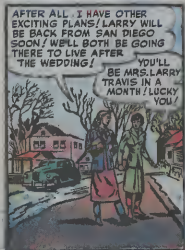
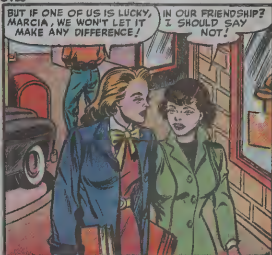
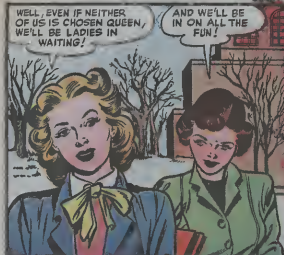
MARY LOVES

Winter Carnival Queen

TO BE QUEEN OF THE ANNUAL LYNDSDALE WINTER CARNIVAL WAS A CHILDHOOD DREAM LOVELY NOREEN DALY SHARED WITH HER BEST FRIEND MARCIA LANDERS! AND WHEN NOREEN AND MARCIA BECAME FINALISTS IN THE EXCITING COMPETITION, NOREEN WAS WILLING TO SACRIFICE ANYTHING TO WEAR THAT PRECIOUS CROWN --- EVEN THE LOVE OF THE MAN SHE HAD PROMISED TO MARRY!

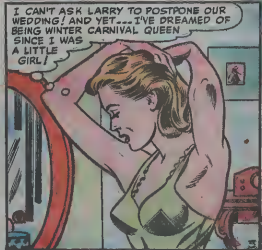


Diary
Marcia and I
are among the
last six girls
left in the
competition!
One of us
may be the
Queen!





BUT
THOUGH
I ADORED
LARRY, MY
HAPPINESS
WAS
MARKED
BY ONE
DISTURBING
THOUGHT!
THAT
NIGHT...



BUT THE PROBLEM THAT HAD WRACKED ME ALL NIGHT BECAME INSURMOUNTABLE THE NEXT AFTERNOON!

LET'S GO, NOREEN! MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT WHO WON AT THE SKATING PARTY!

BESIDES, LARRY IS GOING TO MEET ME AT THE ICE POND!

BUT AS WE STEPPED OUT OF THE DOOR...

WELL, MISS DALY! LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!

YOU... YOU'RE ONE OF THE JUDGES!

I'M THE LUCKY JUDGE WHO GETS TO TELL YOU THE GOOD NEWS, MY DEAR!

GOOD NEWS? THEN I...

YOU'RE LYNSDALE'S WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN, MISS DALY! CONGRATULATIONS!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO BE A MIGHTY BUSY GIRL FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS! OH, ER... MISS LANDERS!

Y-YES?

MEETING YOU HERE SAVES ME A TRIP TO YOUR HOME! YOU WERE A CLOSE SECOND! I'M SURE YOU'RE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT, TOO!

I'M... VERY HAPPY! ISOB!

MARCIA! WAIT!

I'M SORRY, NOREEN! ISOB! I GUESS I'M JUST NOT A VERY GOOD SPORT!

TORN
BETWEEN
SYMPATHY
FOR MARCIA,
AND ELATION
OVER MY
GOOD
LUCK, I
WENT TO
THE SKATING
PARTY TO
DISCOVER
THAT THE
NEWS HAD
LEAKED
OUT! -



BUT AS I BEGAN TO ENJOY THE THRILL OF BEING QUEEN...



YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T HEARD? SOMEBODY'S KIDDING ME!



IS THAT SO HARD TO BELIEVE, LARRY?

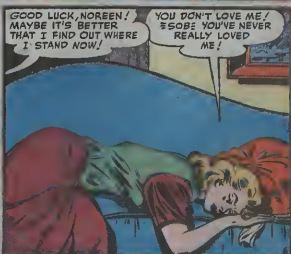
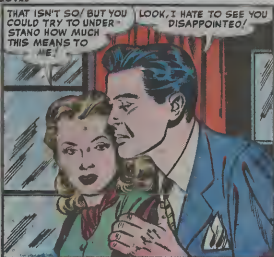
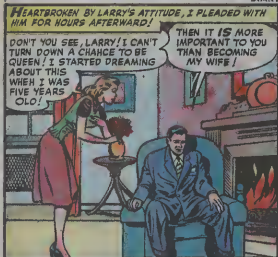


BY THAT TIME YOU AND I WILL BE MARRIED! YOU WON'T EVEN BE IN LYNSDALE!



BUT AN HONOR LIKE THIS HAPPENS TO A GIRL ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, DARLING!

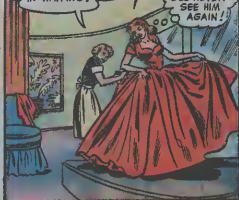




LARRY
HAD
WALKED
OUT OF MY
LIFE! IT
SEEMED
LIKE SOME
UNBELIEV-
ABLE NIGHT-
MARE AND
IT WAS
WITH A
HEAVY
HEART THAT
I BEGAN
MY WHIRL
AS
LYNSDALE'S
QUEEN THE
NEXT DAY!

I'VE NEVER OUTFITTED
A LOVELIER QUEEN!
AND JUST WAIT UNTIL
YOU SEE YOUR LADIES
IN WAITING!

I'M SURE THEY'LL
BE LOVELY!
LARRY'S
GOING AWAY!
I'LL NEVER
SEE HIM
AGAIN!



BEAUTIFUL!
THEY DID
CHOOSE THE
RIGHT GIRL,
NOREEN!

MARCIA!



I...WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR
ACTING LIKE SUCH A BABY THE
OTHER DAY! I SORT OF
FORGOT THE PROMISE
WE MADE, DIDN'T I?

I
UNDER-
STOOD,
MARCIA!



AND I AM
HAPPY FOR
YOU! A QUEEN
ONE DAY, A
BRIDE THE
NEXT!

I'M...NOT
GOING TO BE
A BRIDE,
MARCIA!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT!

IT'S TRUE! LARRY AND I
HAVE CALLED OFF OUR
WEDDING! I REALIZED
THAT...WE DIDN'T
REALLY LOVE EACH
OTHER!



BUT THOUGH I SPOKE GLIBLY, MY
HEART CRIED OUT FOR LARRY! IN
THE WHIRLWIND DAYS THAT
FOLLOWED...

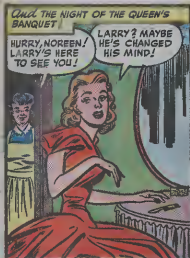
OH, LARRY, I'M SO
MISERABLE! I CAN'T GO
ON WITHOUT YOU!

WE'RE GIVING A
PARTY IN YOUR
HONOR TONIGHT!

DON'T FORGET THE
QUEEN'S BANQUET IS
FRIDAY NIGHT!

COME IN FOR
ANOTHER
FITTING
TOMORROW!





ON THE NIGHT OF THE QUEEN'S BANQUET

HURRY, NOREEN! LARRY'S HERE TO SEE YOU!

LARRY? MAYBE HE'S CHANGED HIS MIND!



BUT LARRY HAD COME TO SAY GOODBYE!

I THOUGHT... WE OUGHT TO PART FRIENDS, NOREEN! I'LL BE... THINKING OF YOU!

OH, LARRY!



I'M TAKING THE TEN O'CLOCK TRAIN! I GUESS YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO GET TO YOUR BANQUET, SO... I'LL BE GOING!

YOU'RE LEAVING TONIGHT?



NO REASON FOR ME TO STAY IN TOWN... NOW. WELL, I JUST DROPPED IN TO SAY GOODBYE! LOTS OF LUCK, NOREEN!

DON'T GO, LARRY! PLEASE DON'T GO WITHOUT ME!

BUT I DIDN'T TELL LARRY OF THE TURMOIL IN MY HEART! INSTEAD, I HURRIED TO THE LYNSDALE HOTEL!



AH, AND HERE'S OUR QUEEN! THE OTHER GIRLS ARE PRIMING UP IN THE DRESSING ROOM!

THANK YOU!



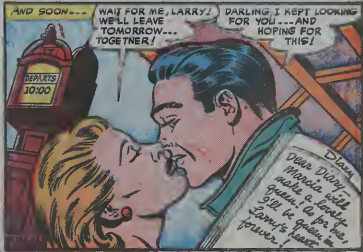
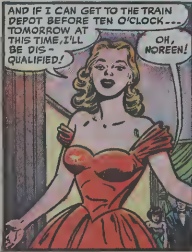
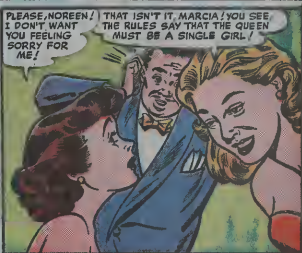
COME ON, MARCIA! YOU WON'T LOOK YOUR BEST IF YOU DON'T STOP CRYING!



WHAT'S WRONG, MARCIA?

SHE GOT A LETTER FROM HER BOY FRIEND JUST BEFORE SHE LEFT HOME! HE'S BEEN SENT OVERSEAS!

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BAD COMPANY



BEING A CIGARETTE GIRL IN THE CAMEO CLUB PROVIDED A GOOD LIVING BUT LED ME INTO TROUBLE! RODDY PARKS SEEMED LIKE A RIGHT GUY! HOW COULD I KNOW HE WAS BAD COMPANY?

Dear Diary
I haven't written
in you for awhile
so I'll try to
date you up to
I liked my job
as a cigarette girl
except for the
boldness of some
customers.
That's the way
this all began.

HI, CUTIE! HOW
ABOUT COMING OUT
WITH ME AFTER
THE CAMEO
CLOSES TONIGHT?

NO, THANKS!
CARE FOR CIGARETTES?

NOT ME! I JUST
CARE FOR YOU!

LET THE LITTLE GIRL
ALONE! SHE BELONGS
TO ME!



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SEE YOU LATER, SWEETHEART!

SURE!

I NEVER SAW THAT FELLOW BEFORE BUT HE SAVED ME FROM AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION! I MUST THANK HIM!



HE CAME TO THE LOBBY LATER AND WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES AND I AGREED TO JOIN HIM FOR A SNACK AFTER I WAS FINISHED AT THREE! I COULD HARDLY REFUSE AFTER THE WAY HE HAD COME TO MY RESCUE!



JOYCE STEVENS, EH? NICE NAME! THERE'S A PLACE DOWN THE STREET THAT STAYS OPEN ALL NIGHT! OKAY!

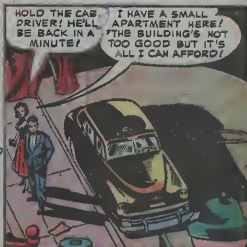
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MR. PARKS!



HI, ROD! WE WANTA TALK TO YOU!

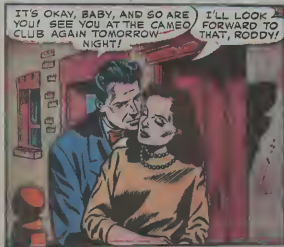
SOME OTHER TIME! TABLE FOR TWO, BARNEY! CAN YOU SCARE UP SOMETHING TO EAT?

IT WAS A DINGY SPOT AND I DIDN'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF IT AT FIRST! BUT RODDY WAS SO FRIENDLY THAT I SOON FELT EASY AND ENJOYED MYSELF! AND WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME...



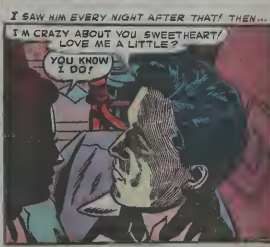
HOLD THE CAB, DRIVER! HE'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE!

I HAVE A SMALL APARTMENT HERE! THE BUILDING'S NOT TOO GOOD BUT IT'S ALL I CAN AFFORD!



IT'S OKAY, BABY, AND SO ARE YOU! SEE YOU AT THE CAMEO CLUB AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT!

I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT, RODDY!



I SAW HIM EVERY NIGHT AFTER THAT! THEN... I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU SWEETHEART! LOVE ME A LITTLE?

YOU KNOW I DO!

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GOOD! THEN YOU'RE MY GIRL!

HIS KISS CAUSED RAPTURE TO RUSH THROUGH ME LIKE A RACING FLAMING ROCKET OUT OF CONTROL! I DESIRED HIS KISSES AFTER THAT! I WAS MAD ABOUT HIM! A FEW WEEKS LATER...



RODDY, I WAS AFRAID YOU WEREN'T COMING TONIGHT!

I'M LATE BUT THE BOYS AND I HAD A LITTLE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!



BUT YOU SAID...

SHUT UP! GIVE ME THE KEYS TO YOUR APARTMENT! I'LL WAIT FOR YOU THERE! DON'T TELL ANYONE WHERE I AM!



WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?

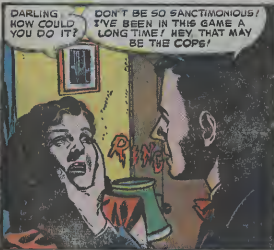
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

I SOON KNEW WHY HE WANTED TO GET AWAY! HIS TWO COHORTS WERE PICKED UP BY THE POLICE FOR ROBBERY! I FELT NUMB ALL OVER AND WHEN I WENT HOME THAT NIGHT, I PRAYED THAT HE COULD PROVE HIS INNOCENCE!



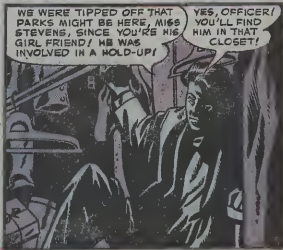
DID ANYBODY FOLLOW YOU HERE?

I DON'T THINK SO! I DIDN'T NOTICE! YOU ARE GUILTY, AREN'T YOU?



DARLING HOW COULD YOU DO IT?

DON'T BE SO SANCTIMONIOUS! I'VE BEEN IN THIS GAME A LONG TIME! HEY THAT MAY BE THE COPE!



WE WERE TIPPED OFF THAT PARKS MIGHT BE HERE, MISS STEVENS, SINCE YOU'RE HIS GIRL FRIEND! HE WAS INVOLVED IN A HOLD-UP!

YES, OFFICER! YOU'LL FIND HIM IN THAT CLOSET!

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YOU LITTLE
DOUBLE-CROSSER!
I WON'T FORGET
THIS! YOU CAN
COUNT ON THAT!

I'M SORRY,
RODDY!
SORRY IT
TURNED OUT
LIKE THIS!



MY
HEARTBREAK
WAS BAD
ENOUGH
WITHOUT
HAVING
TO HEAR
SUCH
SLURRING
REMARKS!
RODDY
WAS
SENTENCED
TO TWO
YEARS! AND
I WAS LET
IN FOR
PLENTY OF
EMBARRAS-
SMENT!

MY CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR BUT
NOBODY BELIEVES IT! I'M LEAVING
ALL THIS BEHIND! I'LL GO FAR AWAY
WHERE NO ONE CAN EVER FIND ME!



NEWSPAPER
PARKS PICKED
UP IN SWEETHEARTS
APARTMENT!



ALL THIS ABOUT THE
PARKS PICKED
UP IN SWEETHEARTS
APARTMENT!

THAT'S THE
GIRL! I THOUGHT
I RECOGNIZED
HER PICTURE!

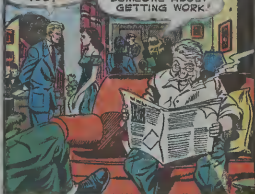
IMAGINE GOING
WITH A CROOK!
SHE MUST HAVE
KNOWN WHAT
HE WAS!



I PICKED AN ARIZONA RESORT-TOWN AT
RANDOM AND WENT THERE!

CAN I HELP
YOU?

I WANTED TO SEE
SOMEONE ABOUT
GETTING WORK!



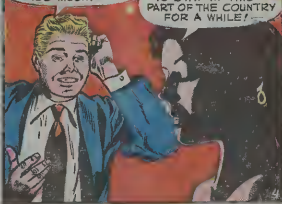
I'M YOUR MAN! I'M MATT FOLEY THE
MANAGER HERE! I'M LOOKING FOR
A CASHIER FOR THE DINING ROOM
IF YOU CARE FOR THE JOB!

I'LL
TAKE
IT!



MAYBE YOU'D BETTER
SEE THE SET-UP FIRST!
AND IT DOESN'T PAY
TOO MUCH!

I...I'M SURE I'LL
WANT IT ANYWAY!
I...ER...I'D LIKE
TO STAY IN THIS
PART OF THE COUNTRY
FOR A WHILE!



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MATT WAS WONDERFUL TO WORK FOR! AND DURING OFF HOURS, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER!

THERE'S A GOOD VIEW UP HERE! OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL!



THIS IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE CITY LIFE I'VE KNOWN! I LIKE IT!

I HOPE YOU LIKE IT WELL ENOUGH TO STAY!



AS THE WEEKS PASSED, I LEARNED TO LOVE MY NEW SURROUNDINGS...AND MATT FOLEY! THE EPISODE WITH RODDY SEEMED LIKE UNREALITY!

I LOVE YOU, JOYCE! WILL YOU MARRY ME, DARLING?

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME! YOU...



I KNOW ALL I NEED TO KNOW! IF YOU COULD BE HAPPY HERE...

OH, YES, MATT! AND I LOVE YOU, TOO!



THEN THAT'S MY ANSWER!



NOW DIFFERENT WERE THE TWO MEN WHO HAD COME INTO MY LIFE! RODDY HAD AROUSED A RIOTOUS SORT OF EMOTION IN ME! MATT MADE ME FEEL SERENE AND SECURE!

IT'S THE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT I'VE ALWAYS LONGED FOR! I'VE FINALLY FOUND HAPPINESS!



I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T FORGET YOU LITTLE SQUEALER! I SAID I'D GET EVEN!

RODDY!



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I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN PRISON!

GOT OUT ON GOOD BEHAVIOR, WITH NO HELP FROM YOU! I WAS PAROLED BUT I RAN OUT! NOW I NEED DOUGH AND YOU'RE GONNA GIVE IT TO ME!



THE WAY I FIGURE, IT'LL LOOK LIKE YOU TOOK THE MONEY! THEN YOU CAN TAKE THE RAP, TOO, AND FIND OUT HOW IT FEELS!

NO, I WON'T DO IT! YOU WOULDN'T CARE...



ABOUT FINISHED, DARLING? I...

REACH FOR THE CEILING AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!



AT THE POINT OF A GUN, WHAT ELSE?

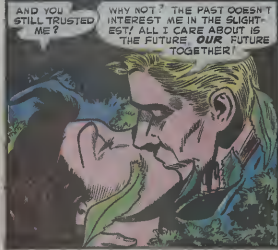
UGH!

MY HEAD SPUN AND THINGS WENT BLACK! MATT GRABBED RODDY'S GUN AND A WHILE LATER, THE POLICE CAME AND PICKED HIM UP! I FELT SICK AND ONE THING WAS CERTAIN, I HAD TO TELL ALL! WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, MATT INSISTED I GET SOME FRESH AIR!



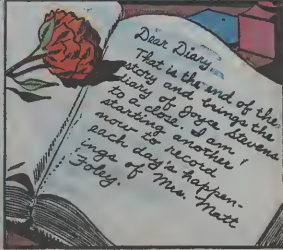
YOU WON'T WANT TO MARRY ME NOW, MATT! YOU SEE, I LOVED RODDY ONCE AND ...

I KNOW! I RECOGNIZED YOU THE DAY YOU CAME HERE TO ASK FOR WORK! I HAD SEEN YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPERS!



AND YOU STILL TRUSTED ME?

WHY NOT? THE PAST DOESN'T INTEREST ME IN THE SLIGHTEST! ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THE FUTURE. OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!



Dear Diary
That is the end of the story and brings the diary of Goya Stevens to a close. I am now to record each day's happenings of Mrs. Matt Foley.

IN THEIR OWN WAY, I SUPPOSE MY PARENTS WERE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, BUT SOMEHOW THEIR UNPOLISHED MANNERS AND BROKEN ENGLISH LOOMED AS A BARRIER TO MY DREAM ROMANCE WITH ART CARLING! WHEN THE DREAM BECAME A REALITY, THE THOUGHT OF MY FOLKS MEETING HIM STRUCK

TERROR in my HEART



I've bought a new formal for the employer's party! I only hope Art Carling will notice me!

I PRESS THE PARTY DRESS FOR YOU, ANNA! YOU BRING BOY FRIEND TO HOUSE TONIGHT, TOO?

I'VE TOLD YOU A MILLION TIMES I DON'T HAVE A BOY FRIEND!

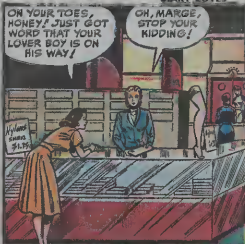
AND IF I HAD ONE I WOULDN'T BRING HIM HERE!



MOM WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND! I JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN TO HER HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS PLACE!



I LIKED WORKING AS HOSIERY SALESGIRL FOR CARLING BROTHERS' DOWNTOWN STORE! BUT, BEST OF ALL, I LIKED THE POSSIBILITY THAT ART CARLING WOULD SOMEDAY STOP AT MY COUNTER FOR MORE THAN THE USUAL PLEASANT BUSINESS CHATTER!



ON YOUR TOES, HONEY! JUST GOT WORD THAT YOUR LOVER BOY IS ON HIS WAY!

OH, MARGE, STOP YOUR KIDDING!

WELL, YOU CAN DREAM, CAN'T YOU? OOPS, HERE HE COMES!

HE'S NICE! BUT, WHY WOULD HE EVEN BOTHER TO GIVE A POOR SALES-GIRL A SECOND LOOK?



GOOD RECEIPTS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT LATELY! KEEP IT UP, ANNA!

THANK YOU... MR. CARLING!



THE NEARNESS OF HIM SENT MY BLOOD SURGING!

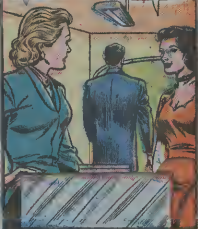
HOPE YOU'RE COMING TO THE EMPLOYEES PARTY TONIGHT, AND HOW ABOUT SAVING A COUPLE OF DANCES FOR ME?

WHY... OF COURSE, MR. CARLING!



GOSH, HE ASKED ME FOR A DANCE TONIGHT!

OH, BROTHER, THE LOVE BUG SURE GOT YOU!



THE PROSPECT OF THE BIG CARLING BROTHERS' EMPLOYEES' PARTY AND THE MERE THOUGHT OF BEING IN ART'S ARMS FILLED ME WITH ECSTATIC ANTICIPATION!

MAYBE THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!



THE PARLOR IS CLEAN AND NICE, ANNA! MAYBE YOU BRING BOYFRIEND HERE AFTER DANCE, EH?

OH, MOM, IT'S JUST AN EMPLOYEES' PARTY! I'LL PROBABLY COME HOME ALONE!



NOT EVEN IN MY DREAMS HAD ART CARLING BEEN AS ATTENTIVE AS HE WAS THAT EVENING!



ANNA! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!

MR. CARLING! THANK YOU... I...



HAVING FUN?

OH, YES, ART! BUT YOU ASKED FOR ONE DANCE AND THIS IS OUR SEVENTH!



IT'S A WONDERFUL PARTY!

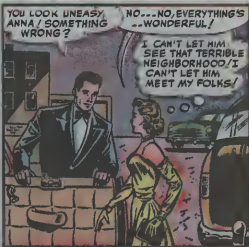
NOT HALF AS WONDERFUL AS YOU ARE, ANNA. LET'S STEP OUT FOR A BREATH OF AIR... I'D LIKE TO KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT YOU!

The EVENING HAD BEEN SO GLORIOUS THAT WHEN ART ASKED ABOUT MY FAMILY AND HOME, I COULDN'T BEAR TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH!



... SO, THE DANCES AT DAD'S COUNTRY CLUB... AND MOM'S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES KEEP ME BUSY MOST OF THE TIME!

UN, UH / LOOK, I HAVE AN IDEA! LET'S LEAVE THE PARTY NOW AND I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME!



YOU LOOK UNEASY, ANNA! SOMETHING WRONG?

NO... NO, EVERYTHING'S... WONDERFUL!

I CAN'T LET HIM SEE THAT TERRIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD / I CAN'T LET HIM MEET MY FOLKS!

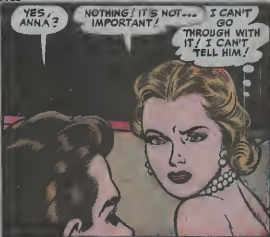
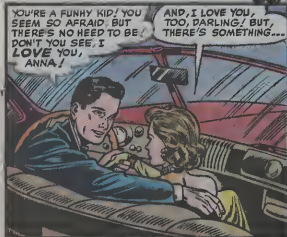


DARLING, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU!

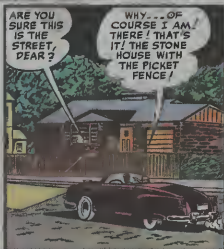
NO, ART, PLEASE! YOU MUSTN'T!



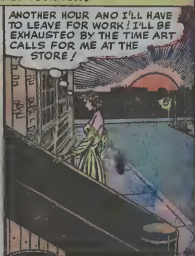
OH, ART I LOVE YOU SO AWFULLY MUCH! BUT NOW LONG CAN I GO ON LYING TO YOU?

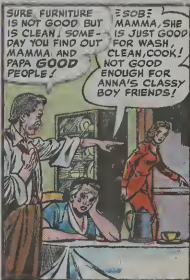
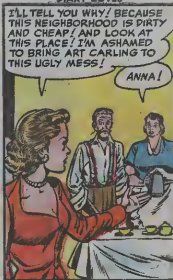


EVEN THOUGH I REALIZED THAT THE COURSE I SET WOULD MEAN LOSING THE ONLY LOVE I HAD KNOWN, I COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF INTRODUCING ART TO THE SQUALOR AND POVERTY OF MY HOME! IMPULSIVELY I GUIDED HIM TO AN UNFAMILIAR SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD!

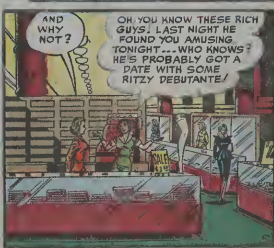
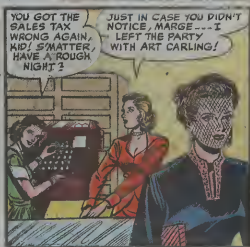


I CHOKED BACK THE TEARS UNTIL ART WAS OUT OF SIGHT! THEN, EMBARRASSED AND AFRAID, I FOUND MY WAY BACK TO THE SECOND FLOOR FLAT I HAD LEARNED TO ABHOR!





EXHAUSTED FROM THE EMOTIONAL STRAIN AND LACK OF SLEEP, I STILL LOOKED FORWARD TO THE GLORIOUS EVENING WITH ART!



I LAUGHED AT MARGE'S WORDS! BUT AT FIVE-THIRTY, I BEGAN TO WONDER!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL WAITING FOR LOVER-BOY?

GET WISE, HONEY! ART CARLING'S A LITTLE OUT OF YOUR CLASS!

CARLING BROTHERS INC.

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS! ART'S PROBABLY BEEN DELAYED A FEW MINUTES! HE'LL BE HERE!

HAVE IT YOUR WAY, ANNA! BUT I WOULDN'T HOLD MY BREATH, IF I WERE YOU!

And AN HOUR LATER!

THE GIRLS WERE RIGHT! ART NEVER INTENDED TO KEEP THAT DATE! HE...HE'S PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME!

WHAT A FOOL I'VE MADE OF MYSELF! AND TO THINK I BELIEVED HIM! BELIEVED THAT HE LOVED ME!

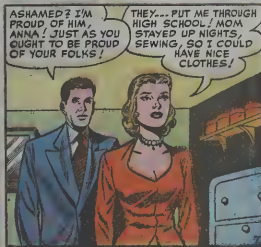
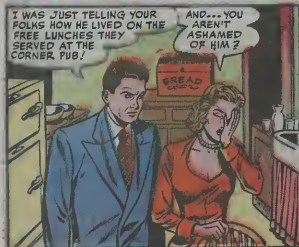
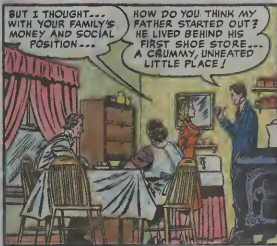
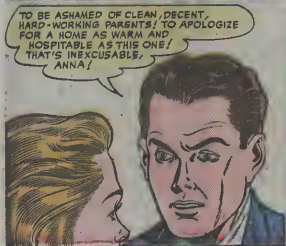
But I WAS IN FOR A GREATER SHOCK! AS I APPROACHED MY DETESTED HOME, THE SIGHT OF ART'S EXPENSIVE CAR, PARKED AT THE CURB, STABBED ME LIKE A KNIFE!

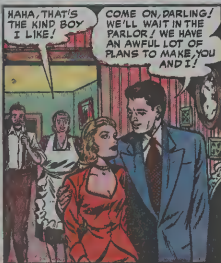
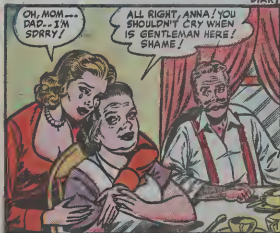
OH, NO! NO... IT CAN'T BE!

I SUPPOSE HE CAME TO SEE HOW "THE OTHER HALF" LIVES! WELL, I'LL TELL ART CARLING WHAT I THINK OF HIM!

WHAT A NASTY TRICK! I ONLY HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!

ANNA! PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN...





Art and I
will be married
soon, Dear
Diary! And
Mom and Dad
are as proud
of us--- as
we are of
them!

Ah so!
Charlie Chan

My Mother's Diary

JIMMY held me in his arms and I had never been so happy in my life. The whole world was ahead of us, the world we would share together. We were both only eighteen and we knew we couldn't get married right away but we could plan and work toward it. I didn't want to leave Jimmy but he insisted.

"Look, honey," he said, "it's getting late and we both have to get up early in the morning. So we'd better call it a night, huh?"

"I suppose," I answered reluctantly, "but I don't like to be away from you. Not even for a little while."

"I know," he said as he helped me out of his rather rickety convertible. "I feel the same way. But it has to be."

He kissed me at the door as we said goodnight. "Someday," he said, "it won't be like this. We'll be together all the time. That ring was to reserve you for my future."

I looked at the ring that was sparkling on my finger. It felt funny there but so wonderful, too. Suddenly I was anxious to get inside and show it to my mother and tell her that Jimmy and I were engaged. I was throbbing with excitement as I rushed into the house but a wave of cold disappointment hit me as I saw my mother, standing in her robe and eyeing me sternly.

"Where have you been?" she asked. "This is no time for you to be coming home."

I tried to ignore her displeasure. "Jimmy and I have been parked out in front for almost two hours," I explained. "And mother, I have something to show you. This."

I held out my left hand so that she could see the diamond ring on my finger. "Isn't it beautiful? Jimmy and I are engaged."

The stern look vanished from her face. Instead, it was more of an expression of grief. "I disapprove," she said, turning away. "You're too young to make such important decisions."

"Too young?" I protested. "Mother, I'm eighteen years old. We won't get married right away, but I know that I love Jimmy. I'm old enough to know what love is."

"I wonder," she answered, walking toward her room. "I doubt it."

I was furious. "You should talk," I flared back. "You were married before you were my age."

In my room, I felt sorry for what I had said. Mother had been left a widow at an early age and she'd given up a lot for me. I had never talked back before but, coming out of the clouds into such an acid atmosphere, had been the cause of my blowing up. I put on my nightgown and robe and slipped into mother's room. I wanted to tell her that I was sorry.

She was reading a book but she looked up and smiled as I walked into her room. "I'm not very happy about the way I acted, mom," I said. "I guess I wouldn't be able to sleep unless I apologized."

"Maybe I'm the one who should make the apology, Doris," she answered. "What you said set me straight and I was just reading over my old diary." She looked sort of dreamy and far away as she handed me a small book. "Here," she said. "You may read it if you wish."

I kissed her goodnight and took the diary to bed with me and read it through. It told of her romance with dad and her love for him. One particular day stood out especially in my mind because it was a lot like what had just happened to me. I read:

Dear Diary:

George proposed tonight and I said yes. He gave me a diamond engagement ring and I was thrilled and happy until I came home. My father objects and says I'm too young to be engaged. I've cried all evening. I don't know what to do.

A little farther on, there was the answer:

Dear Diary:

George and I eloped. I hate to hurt my parents like this but he means all the world to me and he always will.

I knew then why mother had given me her diary to read. It was like giving me her blessing. The next morning, when I came down to breakfast, she asked to see my ring.

"It's beautiful, honey," she said. "Much bigger than mine."

I looked at the small diamond above the wedding ring on mother's finger. And I saw the tears in her eyes.

"Sometimes," she said finally, "parents are selfish. We want to keep our children to ourselves. We hate to admit that they've grown up. But your life is your own now, Doris. I want you and Jimmy to be happy."

I believe I've loved mom more since that happened. Jimmy and I are planning to be married and my mother is getting as much of a thrill out of it as we are. She is making curtains for our house and being a wonderful sport. It might not have been that way if it hadn't been for my mother's diary.

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Kiss of Ecstasy



WAS I AFRAID TO FALL IN LOVE?
WHATEVER THE REASON, I WAS TWENTY-
TWO BEFORE I KNEW THE ECSTASY OF A
MAN'S LIPS ON MINE! AND WHEN I
FINALLY SURRENDERED MY HEART,
IT WAS TO THE WRONG MAN!

AS SECRETARY TO A HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,
I MET PLENTY OF MEN! NOT THE LEAST OF
THEM WAS VIC HARMON!

I KNOW! YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN DATING
A POOR CHEMISTRY TEACHER! YOU'RE
WAITING FOR A MILLIONAIRE!

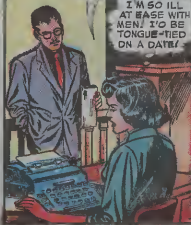
MR. HARMON!



WELL, THIS MAKES THE TENTH
DATE YOU'VE TURNED DOWN!

IT'S JUST THAT I'M...
VERY BUSY!

I'M SO ILL
AT EASE WITH
MEN! I'D BE
TONGUE-TIED
ON A DATE!



Dear Diary
Why must I
withdraw into
my shell when
a man even
speaks to me,
and then
spend my
lonely nights
dreaming
of love?
I don't
know

I SUPPOSE
IT WAS
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
ASSOCIATE
ALLEN MAYES
WITH
ROMANCE
THAT
I
FOUND
MYSELF
COMPLETELY
RELAXED
IN HIS
PRESENCE!

IS MR. DELMAR IN HIS OFFICE, MISS GORDON?

HE'S AT A SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING, ALLEN! SHOULD
BE BACK SOON
THOUGH!

I DON'T MIND WAITING
WHEN THERE'S A PRETTY
GIRL TO STARE AT
WHILE I WAIT!

HADN'T YOU BETTER
SAVE THE FLATTERY
FOR GIRLS YOUR
OWN AGE?

WELL, LISTEN TO GRANDMA GORDON! I'LL BET YOU'RE
NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS OLDER THAN I AM!

OH, I CAN STILL HOBBLE
ALONG!

OH, YOU DON'T EXACTLY HOBBLE! BUT I DON'T
KNOW! SEEMS TO ME YOU **DON'T** HAVE TOO MUCH
FUN!

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT
NOTION?

MAYBE I'VE DRIVEN PAST YOUR
HOUSE IN THE EVENING AND SEEN
YOU SITTING ON THE PORCH ALONE!
MAYBE I'M... **INTERESTED!**

IN ME? OH,
ALLEN,
REALLY!

IS THAT SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE
THOUGHT,
EVE?

I... I DON'T KNOW,
ALLEN!

LET ME STOP BY FOR YOU TONIGHT...
PLEASE! WHEN WE LOOK AT EACH
OTHER THIS WAY, IT SEEMS THAT...
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FRIENDS
LONG AGO!

YES, ALLEN!... I... **FEEL
THE SAME WAY!**

AND BEFORE THAT DAY HAD ENDED, I KNEW
THE EXHILARATION OF MY FIRST KISS!

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL, EVE, BEING WITH YOU!

AND TO THINK I ALWAYS
THOUGHT OF YOU AS ... A
SCHOOLBOY! BUT
YOU'RE
SERIOUS AND
ADULT AND...



DIARY LOVES

VERY SERIOUS, VERY ADULT...
AND VERY CRAZY ABOUT
YOU!

DARLING!



THAT
KISS WAS
LIKE A
CURTAIN
OPENING ON
A NEW
LIFE FOR ME.
I SAW
ALLEN EVERY
EVENING
AFTER
THAT,
SECRETLY,
FOR WE
BOTH
FEARED
CRITICISM!
AND
THEN —

EVE! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, IF YOU
HAVE A MINUTE!

OH?



LOOK, THIS ISN'T ANY OF MY BUSINESS, BUT...I
HATE TO HEAR THE WHOLE SCHOOL GOSSIPING
ABOUT YOU!

ABOUT ME? WHY I...



A COUPLE OF THE STUDENTS SAW YOU WITH ALLEN
MAYES LAST NIGHT! WORD HAS GOTTEN AROUND
ABOUT YOU ROBBING THE CRADLE AND MR.

DELMAR'S ANNOYED!

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE
MIND THEIR OWN
BUSINESS!



I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU THE OBJECT OF A
SCANDAL, EVE! YOU...YOU MEAN A GREAT DEAL
TO ME!

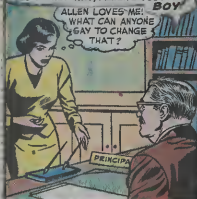
ALLEN AND I ARE IN LOVE! IS
THAT A CRIME? I DON'T WANT
YOUR ADVICE OR ANYONE
ELSE'S!



BUT WHETHER I WANTED ADVICE OR NOT, I GOT IT!

THIS IS JUST A FOOLISH INFATUATION, EVE! IT'S NOT BECOMING TO A GIRL YOUR AGE! WHY, ALLEN'S JUST A BOY

ALLEN LOVES ME! WHAT CAN ANYONE SAY TO CHANGE THAT?



THAT EVENING I HAD A SURPRISE VISIT FROM ALLEN'S PARENTS!

WE HAVE PLANS FOR ALLEN! WE WANT OUR BOY TO GO THROUGH COLLEGE!

BUT I'M NOT TRYING TO RUIN HIS LIFE! WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND UNDERSTAND THAT, MRS. MAYES?



ALLEN'S TOO YOUNG TO BECOME SERIOUSLY INVOLVED! IF YOU REALLY LOVED MY SON, YOU'D LEAVE HIM ALONE!

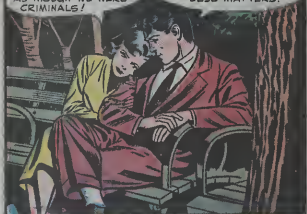
DON'T! DON'T! PLEASE DON'T! I'M SO CONFUSED AND... MISERABLE!



BUT ALLEN REFUSED TO BE DISCOURAGED!

I'M TIRED OF HAVING TO MEET YOU SECRETLY AS THOUGH WE WERE CRIMINALS!

EASY HONEY! WE HAVE EACH OTHER AND NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!



SOON AS I GRADUATE, I'LL GET A JOB AND WE'LL BE MARRIED!

OH, NO, ALLEN! YOU...YOU'VE GOT TO GO ON WITH YOUR EDUCATION!



NOW YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOTHER! EITHER WE'RE IN LOVE OR WE AREN'T!

I DO LOVE YOU! BUT... YOU HAVE SO MUCH AHEAD OF YOU! I DON'T KNOW, MY MIND'S ALL MUDDLED!



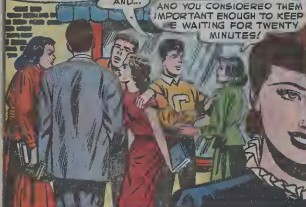
MR. DELMAR AND ALLEN'S PARENTS WERE RIGHT! I WONDER IF LOVE IS WORTH ALL THIS TORMENT?



DIARY LOVES

GRADUALLY, THE MOUNTING STRAIN OF BEING ADVISED AND WHISPERED ABOUT BEGAN TO TELL ON ALLEN... AND ON ME! GEE, I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT SO LONG, EVE! I RAN INTO A COUPLE OF THE FELLOWS AT THE SODA FOUNTAIN... AND...

AND YOU CONSIDERED THEM IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME WAITING FOR TWENTY MINUTES!



I FELT LIKE A POOL STANDING HERE, EVERYBODY STARING AT ME..!

WELL, I HAVEN'T BEEN SEEING MUCH OF MY FRIENDS LATELY!



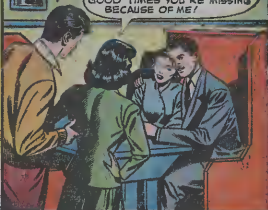
THEY'VE PRETTY MUCH DROPPED ME FROM ACTIVITIES SINCE THIS OTHER THING BEGAN... AND...

"THIS OTHER THING" BEING OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER?



I...I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUT IT THATWAY!

BUT YOU DO RESENT ALL THE GOOD TIMES YOU'RE MISSING BECAUSE OF ME!



MAYBE I DO MISS THE KIDS A LITTLE! CAN'T BLAME ME FOR THAT, CAN YOU?

WHAT ABOUT THE SACRIFICES I'VE MADE?

EVERYONE TALKING TO ME LIKE I WAS SOME WICKED SIREN, LURING AN INNOCENT LAD TO DESTRUCTION! AND GOSSIPING BEHIND MY BACK!



MAYBE I'M TIRED OF COKE DATES AND JALOPY RIDES! I'M...NOT A TEENAGER, YOU KNOW!

I NEVER PRETENDED TO BE A SOPHISTICATED OLD BACHELOR!



NERVOUS AND IRRITABLE, WE FOUND EVERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE THAT HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED IN THE FIRST THRILLING WEEKS HAD NOW BECOME MONUMENTAL!

I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE AND ARGUE WITH YOU! I'VE BEEN EMBARRASSED ENOUGH!

EVE!
WAIT!



OH... WHY DON'T YOU GROW UP!

AND THAT AFTERNOON...

I DON'T LOVE ALLEN! I NEVER DID! I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH LOVE ITSELF!



LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY ISN'T VERY HAPPY WITH THE WORLD!

GO ON, RUB IT IN! THE BIG ROMANCE IS OVER!



I'M SORRY IF I HURT YOU, EVE! MAYBE I CAN HELP IF YOU TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG!

OH, MY HEART'S NOT BROKEN! I JUST... FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY ABOUT ALLEN!



I'VE REALIZED THAT I MADE A MISTAKE, BUT I DID LEAD HIM ON! AND I HATE TO THINK OF... HURTING HIM!

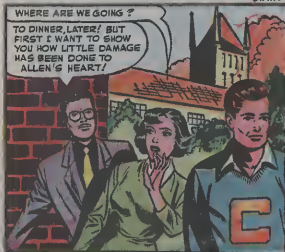
YOU THINK HE'S GOING TO EAT HIS HEART OUT, EH?



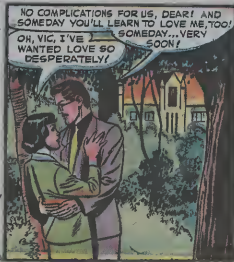
WELL, HE IS INFATUATED WITH ME!

IF THAT'S ALL THAT'S WORRYING YOU, COME ALONG WITH ME!





AND IN THE ECSTASY OF THAT KISS, I LEARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "PUPPY LOVE" AND THE BEGINNING OF A DEEP, LASTING EMOTION!



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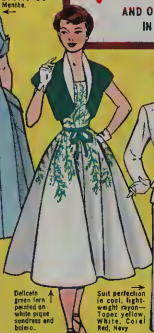
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weave rayon.
Crescent collar.
—color-fast.
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Creme-de-
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green fern
printed on
white crepe
sundress and
belle.



Suit perfection
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weight rayon—
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white, Coral
Red, Navy



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